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Application No.: 09/937,243	:	
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For: Synthesis of 1,2,3,4-Tetrahydroxy-	:	
benzenes and 1,2,3-Trihydroxybenzenes	:	
using myo-inositol-1 Phosphate Synthase	:	
and Myo-Inositol 2-Dehydrogenase	:	
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

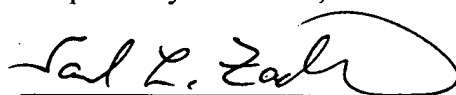
This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2002. It is deemed timely filed in view of the shortened statutory period for reply set to expire January 13, 2003.

Claims 58-116 are pending in this application. In the Office Action, Restriction was deemed to be required of Group I, Claims 58-68, 79-84, 87-97, and 105-115; Group II, Claims 70-77, 85, 86, and 98-104; Group III, Claims 69 and 116; and Group IV, Claim 78. Applicants elect Group I claims for examination with traverse (37 CFR §1.143).

The restriction requirement is traversed because the inventions listed in Groups I-IV are related to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 and share at least one technical feature as required under PCT Rule 13.2. Reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement is requested because under PCT Rules 13.1 and 13.2, "if the independent claims avoid the prior art and satisfy the requirement of unity of invention, no problem of lack of unity arises in respect of any claims that depend on the independent claims. In particular, it does not matter if a dependent claim itself contains a further invention." ("Administrative Instructions Under the PCT," Annex B, MPEP, original 8th edition, Revision 1 (August 2001) page AI-53.) In the present case, the claims of Group III (Claims 69 and 116) depend from claims of Group I. Applicant therefore submits that the Claims of Group I and Group III show no lack of unity under the Administrative Instructions. Similarly, the claim of Group IV (Claim 78) depends from claim 70 of Group II. Applicant therefore submits that the Claims of Group II and Group IV show no lack of unity under the Administrative Instructions. In addition, the bodies of art related to the claims of each Group are, in fact, interrelated and a serious burden would not result if the Restriction were not made. MPEP §803. The subject matter of Groups I-IV includes at least a microbe comprising a recombinant DNA encoding *myo*-inositol-1-phosphate synthase. Furthermore, methods for the production of 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroxybenzene cited by the Examiner are all chemical methods that do not involve the use of a microbe comprising a recombinant DNA encoding *myo*-inositol-1-phosphate synthase. The inventions listed in Groups I-IV therefore are related to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 and share at least one technical feature as required under PCT rule 13.2. Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is, therefore, requested.

It is believed that all of the claims in both Groups of claims in this application are in a condition for further examination, and such favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

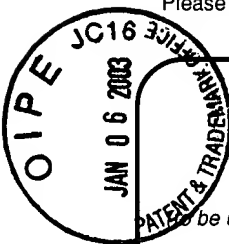


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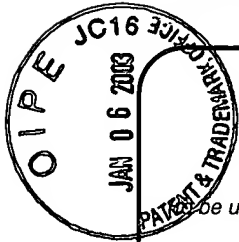
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